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To our boys who are so nobly answering their country's call to win a lasting peace, we, the class of 1945, dedicate this volume of Black Gold.

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FOREWORD

Throughout the preparation of this annual, we, the seniors of 1945, have attempted to create an exact an entertaining picture of the important events which occurred during the school year of 1944-45. We sincerely hope that this publication will aid in the recollection of many happy days spent in Midwest High.

We wish to extend our whole-hearted appreciation to all who helped in the realization of this yearbook.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER—

4—Last year of school for Class of '45 begins.
15—Football season began with a successful game with Wheatland.
21—At long last revenge—Frosh initiation!!
22—The football team downed Upton.
23—Seniors honor the green children at a party.
29—Newcastle invades Midwest with its football team.

OCTOBER—

6—Buffalo's team was also defeated.
20—School's first period is already gone.
21—The Juniors gave a grand Halloween Dance.
27—Sheridan plowed through our team, leaving us all broken up.
30—Latin Club met for the first time in two years.

NOVEMBER—

2—And Douglas was the victor over our team.
11—Annual game with Gillette was another loss.
23-24—Thanksgiving and turkey—Mmmmmm

DECEMBER—

1—The TNT's honor the football team at their banquet.
13—Ohio State tests for all seniors.
15-16—Rawlins won our first basketball game of the season, but we in turn defeated them.
22—Christmas vacation—Santa and all the fun.
28—Off to Glenrock to win a game.

CALENDAR

JANUARY—

5—Buffalo was prey of the Oilers

6—Sheridan, too, fell with the same score as Buffalo.

11—Sundance was defeated as everyone cheered from the side.

12—Upton received a similar reception.

18-19—The boys sail off to Laramie to play ball while the girls stay at home and take semester exams.

20—Rawlins came out in the lead on their floor.

26—Jake left to take his physical while the team was off to Gillette.

27—On to Upton on the trip.

30—Casper won a hard fought battle, but close!!

FEBRUARY—

3—Once more Buffalo is downed.

6—Everyone comes to Midwest, first Glenrock—no go.

6—Juniors' class rings arrive—only for the seniors to take them.

9—Then Laramie was conquered.

10—Gillette couldn't make the grade either.

13—Casper did much better at home.

17—Wheatland proved better at home, too.

23—That memorable journey to Sheridan.

MARCH—

1-3—We place fourth in the District Tourney.

14-16—From the "State" we brought home a trophy for sportsmanship.

23—The sophomores present two one-act plays.

24—The Canteen's apron and overall dance.

29-30—Easter vacation.

APRIL—

7—The month of parties, first the freshmen honor the seniors.

20—All at once—the M Club dance.

20—And we looked forward to this all year—Skip Day.

25—Seniors presented "Brother Goose," a three act play.

MAY—

5—We stepped into Holland at the Junior Prom.

23—Down the aisle for diplomas—the end. We loved it!

M. H. S.

The Midwest High School, distinguished by the colors red and white and known athletically as the Oilers, had an enrollment of 100 pupils this year. Our school has been accredited by the North Central Association since 1927 and this year was under the administration of Mr. W. S. Curry, assistant superintendent, and the Casper officers of Natrona County High School, of which we are a part. Students who have completed 16 units of work and the subjects required for a particular course may receive diplomas in college preparatory, commercial, or general work.

The staff assisting Mr. Curry this year included:

FACULTY

Mrs. Lillian Banish—Home Economics and Cafeteria Director.
Mr. William Banish—Industrial Arts.
Mrs. Audrey Bolinger—Registrar.
Mrs. Helen Connors—Music.
Mr. DeWald—Substitute for Mr. Banish during his illness.
Miss Mary Dille—Social Studies.
Mrs. Lucile McKenna—Dean of Students, Spanish, English.
Mrs. Sue McWhinnie—Latin and English.
Miss Norah O'Mara—Science and Mathematics.
Miss Dorothy Ann Outzs—Physical Education and Biology.
Miss Kathryn Repp—English and Typing.
Miss Hazel Richards—Commerce.
Mr. Earl "Shadow" Ray—Physical Education and Coach.
Mrs. Beatrice Smith—School Nurse.

Cafeteria

Mrs. Beulah Jerman
Mrs. Olive Coggeshall

Janitors

Mr. Leo Wiloth, Chief
Glenn Babcock
Marion Bergin
Sherburne Blake
Jack Hahn
Roy Jucknath
Selmer Moeller
Tommy Newell
Jake Wiloth

Bus Drivers

Everett Chaffin
Albert Jarisch
Ronald Paden
Fred Schultz
Vernon Stephens

CLASSES

MR. W. S. CURRY

Assistant Superintendent

SENIORS

GENE WILOTH

Class President 1-4; Class Secretary 3; Class Play 1; M Club 3-4; M Club Treasurer 4; Latin Club 1-2-3-4; Stage Manager "Brother Goose" 4.

BETTY JERMAN

Class Vice-President 3-4; Chorus 1-2; Class Play 1-2; Spanish Club 3; Black Gold Business Manager 4; TNT 2-3-4; TNT President 4; Cheer Leader 4; Latin Club 2-3-4.

VERNON STEPHENS

Class Treasurer 1-4; Class Play 1; Latin Club 2-3-4; M Club 3-4; M Club Secretary 4; "Brother Goose" 4.

BETTY LORENE STEPHENS

Class Secretary 4; Class Play 2-4; Chorus 1; Latin Club 1-2-3-4; TNT 2-3-4; Librarian 1-2; Black Gold Staff 4.

GLENN BABCOCK

"Brother Goose" 4; Basketball Manager 4.

MARION BERGIN

M Club 3-4; M Club President 4; Latin Club 2-3-4; Class Play 1; "Brother Goose" 4.

DOROTHY CAMPBELL

Chicago 1-2; TNT 3-4; Librarian 4.

WYOMA DIETZ

TNT 4; "Brother Goose" 4; Librarian 2-3-4.

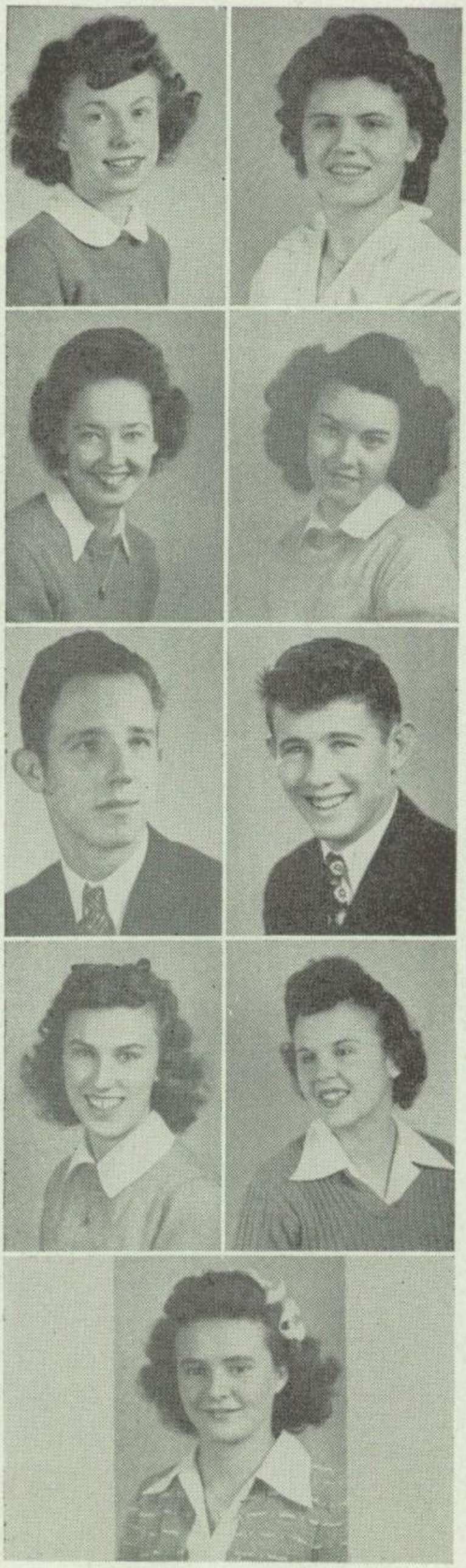
LOIS EALY

TNT 2-3-4; TNT Vice-President 4; "Brother Goose" 4; Librarian 2-3-4; Cafeteria cashier 4.

MARION ESP

Greybull 1; Casper 2; TNT 3-4; Chorus 3; Black Gold Staff 4; "Brother Goose" 4.

SENIORS



BETTY HILL

Class Play 1-2; Spanish Club 3; TNT 2-3-4; Latin Club 2-3-4; "Brother Goose" 4.

LUCILLE JARISCH

Librarian 4; Business Manager "Brother Goose" 4.

MARIE JONES

Class Vice-President 2; Class Play 1-2; TNT 2-3-4; Librarian 3-4.

WANELDA KILLHAM

Class Treasurer 2; TNT 1-2-3-4; TNT Treasurer 2; Chorus 1; Class Play 1; Latin Club 4; Black Gold Staff 4.

TOM NEWELL

Class Play 1-2; Black Gold Staff 4.

RONALD PADEN

M Club 4; Stage Manager 1-2; "Brother Goose" Stage Manager 4.

SHIRLEY ANN PEOPLES

Class President 3; TNT 3-4; "Brother Goose" 4; Chorus 1; Spanish Club 3.

MARY FRANCES PUDER

Class Secretary 2; Class Play 1-2; Librarian 1-2-3-4; TNT 2-3-4; "Brother Goose" 4.

RUTH RORABECK

Class Treasurer 3; Librarian 4.

SHIRLEY CHAMBERS

Class Play 2; Chorus 1-3-4; TNT 2-3-4; "Brother Goose" 4; Cafeteria Cashier 4.

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of 1941 a big event took place in MHS. The Class of '45 entered the high school as meek little freshmen. Proud of finally reaching the door, they wandered through the halls with a look of awe.

Just when these poor little waifs thought everything was going smoothly, up popped initiation week. Girls were ordered to don the attire of men— overcoats, underwear, bathing caps, and dainty work boots. How glamorous they were. The boys decked themselves in overalls and work shirts worn in reverse. Their freshness was shown by their bright green ties. Curlers in the Shirley Temple mode were worn in their hair. Kangaroo court, held the sixth period o nthe day of initiation, was ritotous fun for the seniors and spectators, but gave a big headache to the freshmen.

The class was organized with Jake Wiloth, Harry Morse, Helen Graves, and Vernon Stephens as officers. On November 8 a return party was given to the seniors, complete with ghosts, witches, cobwebs, and jack-o'-lanterns. Christmas found us ready with entertainment for the annual party. The year was climaxed with the all-school picnic on May 22.

As ambitious sophomores we started the year right with the "key drive" victory and by winning numerous bond sales. These were celebrated by a special sophomore party in the gym at Hallowe'en when we ducked for apples and played games while the other classes went to school. To top this, we sold Christmas cards, gave a class play, "The Fascinating Fanny Brown," and sold hot dogs at the games. Our officers were: President Bernard Lee, Vice-president Marie Jones, Secretary Mary Frances Puder, and Treasurer Wanelda Killham.

Our junior year began with great activtity in preparation for the junior prom. We sallied forth with Christmas wreaths and cards to boost the treasury fund. Again we sold hot dogs and coffee at the football games. At last the big event rolled around—Junior-Senior Prom!—May 31. The gym was converted into the hold of "The Buccaneer" and the pirate theme was carried out in favors, programs, and special dances. In gratitude for this, the seniors delighted us with a sneak day ending at the Boy Scout camp. The girls ruled this year with Shirley Peoples, Lois Marty, Betty Jerman, and Ruth Rorabeck in the class offices. Nelda Jo Barber, Harvey Carson, and Helen Graves moved away. Three members entered the armed forces—Bernard Lee, Harry Morse, and Jiles Bays; a fourth, Myron Colosimo, became a firefighter at the airbase. Good luck fellows!

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY (Cont.)

At last we were seniors with Jake Wiloth, Betty Jerman, Betty Lorene Stephens, and Vernon Stephens as officers. We finally elected Dorothy Campbell corresponding secretary to help with the additional letter writing that the senior year called for. The sponsors, who had been with us two years, were Miss Repp and Mr. Banish.

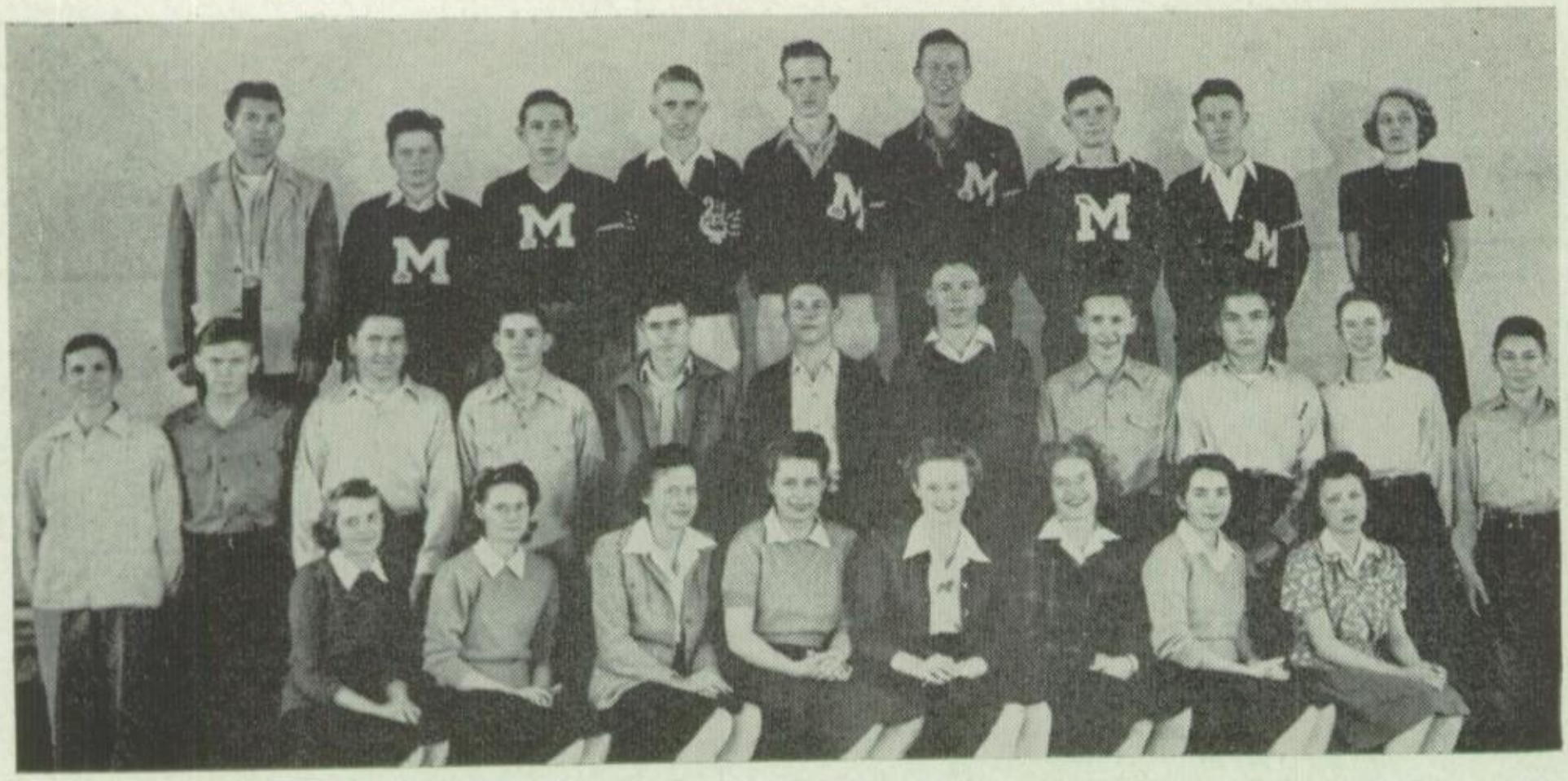
The class at last attained satisfaction on initiation day; and the freshmen deserved special recognition for their sportsmanship, which was given by a special and successful party in their honor. They gave us a return party in April. Christmas wreaths and greenery were again sold successfully.

In the spring we gave a three act play, "Brother Goose," with Vernon Stephens as Jeff, "brother goose"; Carol played by Betty Hill; Wes, Glenn Babcock; Hyacinth, Marion Esp; Helen, Shirley Peoples; Peggy, Betty Stephens; Eve, Shirley Chambers; Sarah, Mary Frances Puder; Lenore, Lois Ealy; Mrs. Trimmer, Wyoma Dietz; the truck driver, Marion Bergin. Jake Wiloth and Ronald Paden acted as prpoerty and stage managers. Lucille Jarisch was the business manager. In the play Vernon took up sewing and Glenn acted himself as a teen-age Don Juan. Marion did an excellent job as a ten year old girl crazy about football.

We frantically decided at the last possible minute to publish an annual. As a result, everyone worked madly to get all the necessary material together before the dead-line.

We also sponsored a show to make money for our big project, the annual, and our gift to the school. The juniors honored us with a prom, "In a Little Dutch Garden," which was held May 5. Our return favor for the fun we had was a Sneak Day at which we furnished refreshments—if the juniors could find them and us—in Kaycee on April 20.

Baccalaureate was on May 20 with the seniors looking very handsome in red and white caps and gowns. The following Wednesday, May 23, climaxed our career in Midwest High School; Mr. Don Bolt delivered the Commencement address. Betty Hill was awarded the scholarship to the University of Wyoming.



BACK ROW: Mr. Ray, Sponsor; Ostler, Bieg, Barkley, Daugherity, Schultz, Chambers, Blake, Mrs. McWhinnie, Sponsor.

MIDDLE ROW: Malson. Jarisch, Roediger, Hendryx, Ross, Creek, Creek, MacRae. Moeller, Jucknath, O'Connor.

FRONT ROW: Dye, Danner, Brager, Setterburg, Nickerson, Ackerman, Malson, Lockwood.

JUNIOR CLASS

The Juniors began their third year in MHS confident that with the knowledge and experience they had gained thus far in high school, and with the help of their sponsors they would continue to be successful.

At their first class meeting they elected class officers and sponsors. Sherburne Blake became president; Bill Bieg, vice-president; Harlan Daugherity, secretary; and Fred Schultz, treasurer. Mrs. McWhinnie and Mr. Ray were elected sponsors.

The first money making project was a Hallowe'en dance. They also sponsored a turkey raffel and a show. These activities garnered enough so that their time was then free to make preparations for the Prom, May 5, in honor of the Seniors. The theme was **In a Little Dutch Garden** and the dance was a great success.

One of the year's greatest thrills was receiving their class rings in early February. Of course, they thought them the prettiest yet. As ushers for the baccalaureate and Commencement exercises, they ended their 1944-45 year.

BACK ROW: Norman Carter, Max Hill, Everett Chaffin, Bill Bourret, Richard Browning, Duane Carr, Jack Hahn, Larry Terpening, Harry Clabaugh, Dorsey Chabo.

MIDDLE ROW: Miss Dille, Mardelle Harvey, Betty Nall, Marianne Jepson, Virginia Connors, Joyce Hooley, Barbara Coddington, Betty Jean Reynolds.

FRONT ROW: Joan McCain, Margie Stephens, Gloria Griffin, Cordia Jandreau, Charlene Schuster, Margaret Davis, Phyllis Kennison.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Bob Schofield, Pauline Harms, Joyce Perry.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

On September 5 once again the Class of '47 reluctantly climbed the stairs of old MHS to begin the second year of high school. We started off the first week by the election of class officers and a sponsor with our choice for president Gloria Griffin; vice president Virginia Connors; secretary Joan McCain; treasurer Charlene Schuster; and an able advisor, Miss Dille.

Several of our boys were active in athletics thereby winning letters and membership in M Club. The team was urged on to many victories by our girls, some of whom joined the TNT in which two of the cheerleaders were sophomores. In the Latin Club, too, the class was well represented.

We practically filled our treasury by sponsoring a hot dog sale, a raffle, a picture show, and two plays, "Elizabeth or Liz" and "Amelia in Reverse."

BACK ROW: Harold O'Connor, Victor Nottingham, Keith Bieg, Carl Wilson, Ivan Million, Tommy Jones.

MIDDLE ROW: Miss Cutzs, Sponsor; Barney Hoy, Billy Daley, Frank Bates, Charles Ferguson, John Maher, Boyd Maupin.

SEATED: Lois Robinett, Reta Wick, Mary Carney, Donna Carr, Imogene Davis.

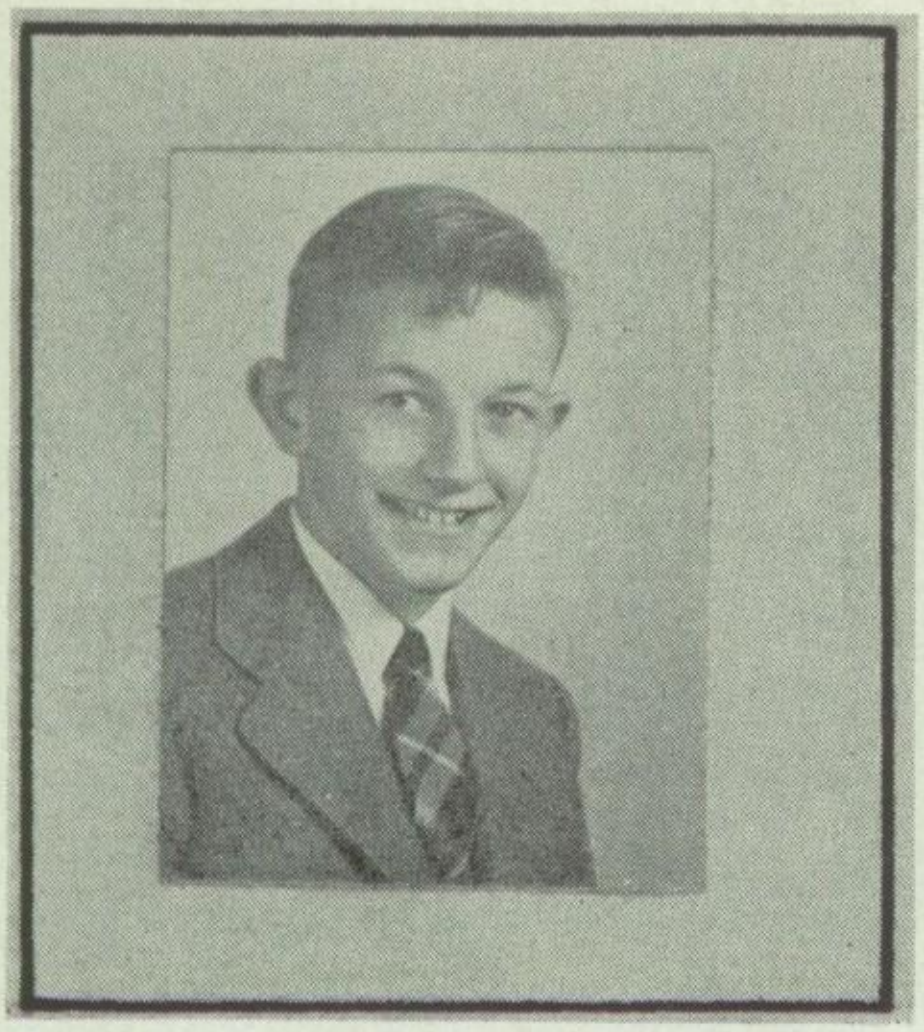
ABSENT: Kay Graves, Robert Nagle.

FRESHMAN CLASS

After much hope and speculation, twenty freshmen entered MHS with many plans and some concern for the ominous sounding initiation. At first we were busy learning the way to our classes and the regulations we were expected to follow. Our first activity as a class was to elect our officers--Billy Daley for president; Harold O'Connor for vice-president; Victor Nottingham for secretary; and Carl Wilson for treasurer. Miss Outzs was chosen for sponsor.

Then came initiation, happily for only one day, with costumes, bowing, and carrying books and especially cushions for the seniors. Kangaroo court was the climax of this with the seniors commending us for our sportsmanship and making us display our talents for singing and dancing. Later they entertained us with a dance and refreshments and then we felt we were full-fledged "Oilers."

By several sales we raised money for our treasury and in April gave a party in honor of the seniors. All the school was invited and we served them ice cream and cake. Several of the boys in the class won letters in football and Victor Nottingham was manager for the football team. The class was prompt to buy its share of War bonds and stamps. So with still more plans for the next year, we ended our year as freshmen.



Mr. and Miss Midwest

This title is bestowed by the student body on the two seniors who have distinguished themselves by leadership, scholarship, friendliness, and willingness in service to the school.

Jake Wiloth, by scholastic achievement, genial disposition, and amiable cooperation ,was the overwhelming choice for Mr. Midwest. His outstanding record during twelve years of school life in Midwest includes a place on the honor roll throughout his high school career. In extra-curricular activities, he was a particular favorite. His senior year he served as president of his class, Imperator of the Latin Club, and treasurer of the M Club. As class president his freshman year, he automatically became a member of the student council. His junior year he was his class secretary. In addition to these activities, he he satisfactorily filled the duties of a student janitor.

Miss Midwest, as represented by Betty Jerman, was noted for her helpfulness, willingness, originality, and friendliness. Although she has taken a major part in the school activities, she also qualified for the honor roll in academic courses. For four years she has enthusiastically taken part in the class plays, TNT activities, Latin Club, and Spanish Club. She was elected vice-president during her junior and senior years. As TNT president, school cheer leader, and business manager of Black Gold, she completed her senior activities in Midwest High.

BACK ROW: Daren Terpening, Joe May, Bob Ostler, Jimmy Clabaugh, James Schofield, John Bliss, Robert Scott, Charles Lewis, Mr. Blakesly, Allen Griffin, David Adams, Gaylord Brow, Bill Pike, John Yale, Bill Nickerson, Dick Cochran.

THIRD ROW: Miss Simpson, Doris Million, Jeannine Work, Carol Ann Morris, Dona Stephens, Faye Chaffin, Virginia McLean, Joanna Fauver, Jacqueline Smith, Shirley Van Norman, Barbara Scovel, Avis Malson, Opal Vots, Joan Fleming, Marjorie Freese, Patricia Stanley, Miss Horsch.

SECOND ROW: Janice Maher, Mary Frances Wheeler, Sally Branstetter, Marvine Shidler, Ardythe Bieg, Marjorie Trehearne, Betty Coddington, Marcia Fleming, Janiel Sherard, Betty Parker, Alice Daley, Zola Lamb, Bonita Bourret, Bonnie Lee Pearson, Darlene Pierson, Marjory Hammock, Pauline Tanner.

FRONT ROW: Marvin Tyler, Raymond Rorabeck, Duane Overstreet, Jack MacRae, Allen Carr, Donald Shoop, Robert Browning, Richard Ostler, William Banish, Otto Franks, Ronald Kechter, George Howe, Bill Ferguson.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Helen Browning, Ruth Miller.

JUNIOR HIGH

The Junior High classes included members of the seventh and eighth grades. With Mr. Claude Blakesly in charge of science and mathematics, Miss Lois Horsch teaching social studies and art, and Miss Nell Simpson instructing English classes. During these classes such projects as making geometric designs, learning parliamentary procedure, and making scientific drawing were of special interest. Miss Simpson's pupils established a record by the 100% purchase of War Bonds and Stamps.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

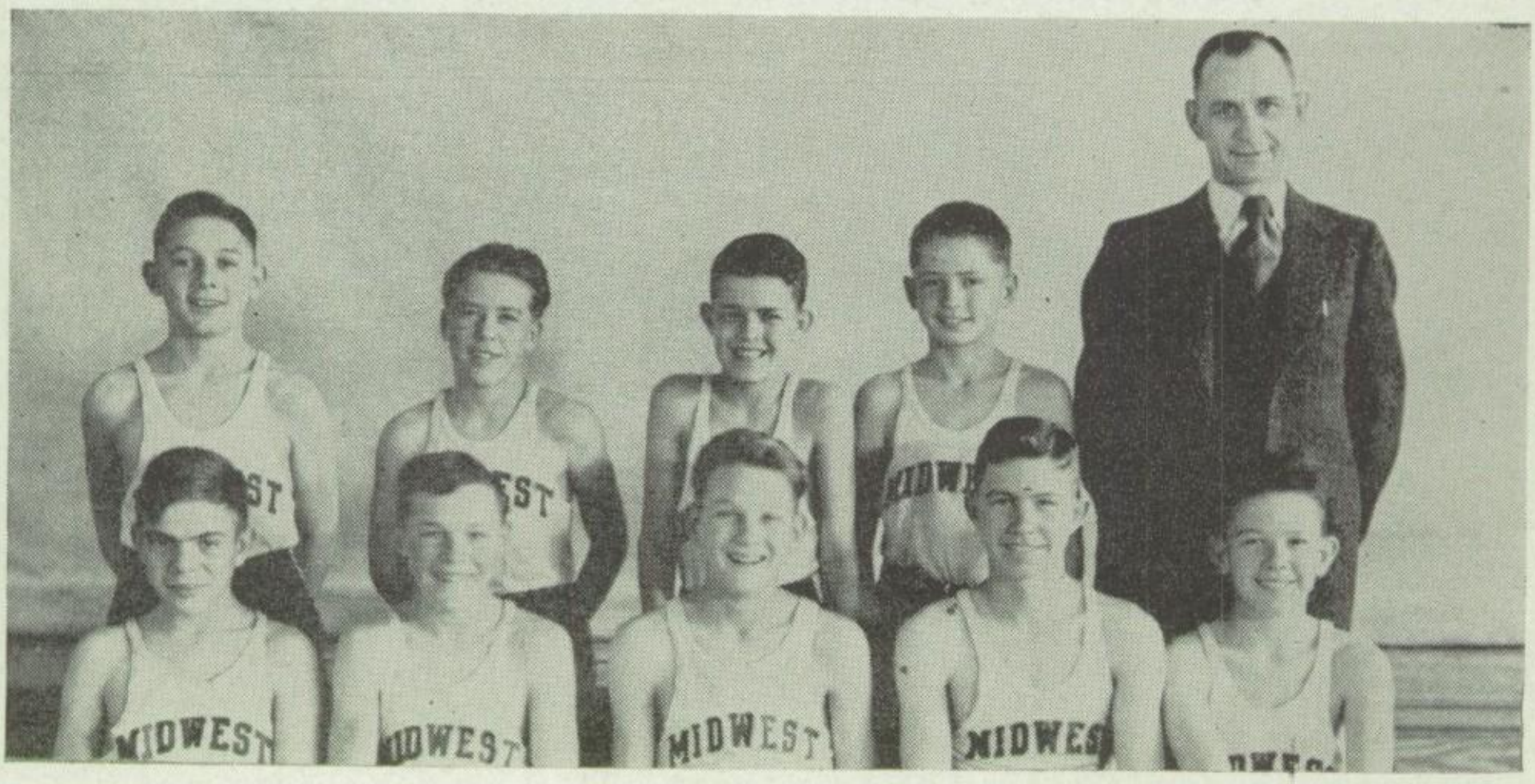
The honor roll held the names of only those who had a one average through most of the school term. Three from the eighth grade—Virginia Mc Lean, Joanna Fauver, and Raymond Rorabeck—earned this honor. In the seventh grade Doris Million, Marcia Fleming, Janiel Sherard, and Marvene Shidler deserved this distinction.

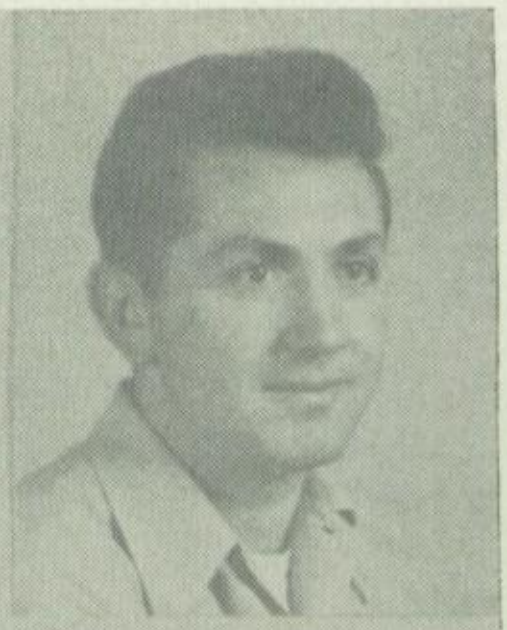
A Junior High Pep Club was organized for all the girls in the two classes. Under the supervision of Miss Horsch, they held meetings every Wednesday to practice school yells and plan the skits which were given at pep assemblies. Members also furnished entertainment between halves of the basketball game with Buffalo. The president of the club was Alice Daley. Virginia McLean, Joan Fleming, and Bonnie Lee Pearson were the cheerleaders for the Green and White.

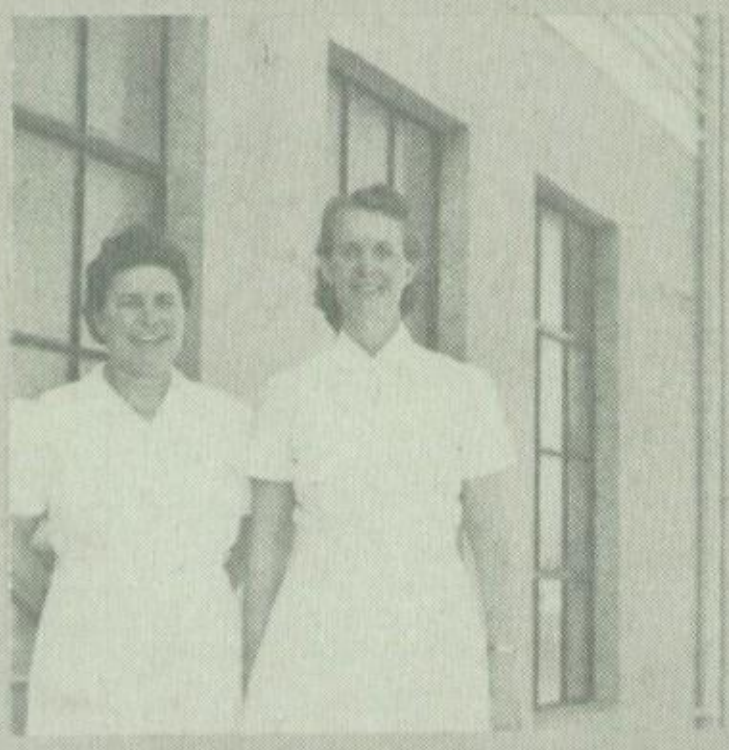
The Junior High Pirates traveled to Buffalo for the tournament held February 23 and 24. Eight teams attended, all being placed in one class. The Pirates captured third place, winning over Gillette and dropping a game to Sheridan. In an exciting over-time game with Buffalo, they retained their "Pirate Doll." A crowd of Pirate boosters was there to urge them to play their best. Home games during the season included a victory over Buffalo and a loss to Casper. The Junior High Athletes are looking forward to the Junior Olympics now with a determination to win that should be hard to beat.

BACK ROW: Joe May, Dick Ostler, Bobby Browning, William Banish, Mr. Blakesly, Coach.

FRONT ROW: James Schofield, Allen Griffin, David Adams, Gaylord Brow, John Yale.







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ACTIVITIES

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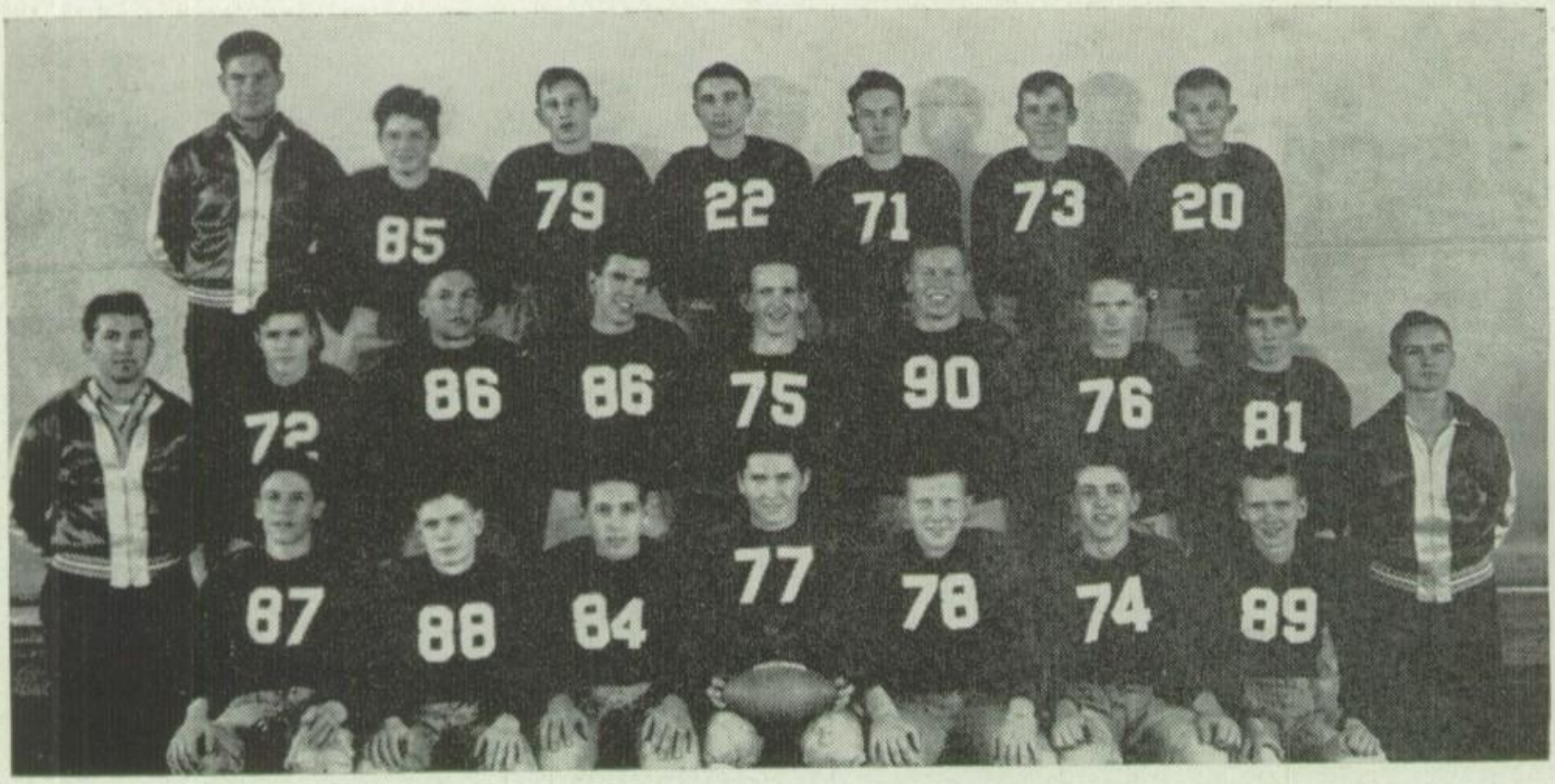


BACK ROW: Tobin, Ostler, Wilson, Hahn, Blake, Malson, Wiloth.

CENTER ROW: Coach Ray, Ross Creek, Bergin, Daugherity, Schultz, Carter, Paden, Nottingham.

FRONT ROW: Creek, Chambers, Bieg, Roediger, Chaffin, Bieg, Stephens.
OTHERS: Browning, Hendryx, Hill, Hoy, Million, Moore, O'Connor.

FOOTBALL 1944

The Oilers opened the season on the Bulldogs' field. Although inexperienced, they turned back a heavier and highly favored team by 16-0. Playing host to Upton, Midwest gained its second victory. The Upton Bobcats completed a pass in the second quarter to go ahead 7-6. Only at the last when Hahn fired a pass to Carter was Midwest assured of victory by 7-13. The Red and White took its third consecutive win from Newcastle, making all touchdowns through the line for a score of 6-31. Next the Oilers journeyed to the Bisons' home grounds. The ball went from one end of the field to the other; in the third quarter the Oilers chalked up the only touchdown. The Riverton Wolverines brought a strong team to our field and with the fast breaking offense won 18-0. Then a strong Bronc team arrived to give us our second loss 28-13. Chaffin, RG, and Bill Bieg, FB, suffered injuries which kept them cut of the game the rest of the season. In Midwest, the Bearcats managed to score one more touchdown than the Oilers. Both Midwest touchdowns were the result of passes—Hahn to Carter and Hahn to Roediger. The Oilers ended the season in Gillette, being defeated there by the scrappy Camels 20-6.

The season's record included 4 wins and 4 losses and the co-championship in the district. Marion Bergin and Vernon Stephens were elected co-captains for the year.

BASKETBALL

The Oilers enjoyed a good basketball season collecting 12 wins and 7 losses. They placed fourth in the tournament at Gillette, but failed to place in the state tournament in Laramie. A record of the season's play follows:

Midwest—14	Rawlins 20	Midwest—24	Gillette 39
Midwest—26	Rawlins 21	Midwest—36	Upton 35
Midwest—53	Glenrock 30	Midwest—22	Casper 29
Midwest—33	Buffalo 24	Midwest—36	Buffalo 35
Midwest—36	Sheridan 24	Midwest—33	Glenrock 20
Midwest—40	Sundance 24	Midwest—48	Laramie 33
Midwest—38	Upton 24	Midwest—45	Gillette 36
Midwest—34	Laramie 40	Midwest—27	Casper 49
Midwest—38	Rawlins 39	Midwest—33	Wheatland 39
	Midwest—36	Sheridan 32	

BACK ROW: Mr. Curry, Asst Supt., Victor Nottingham, Clifford Hendryx, Richard Roediger, Neil Chambers, Coach Ray.

FRONT ROW: Charles Ross, Jack Hahn, Richard Browning, Marion Bergin, Harlan Daugherity, Norman Carter, Jake Wilroth, Ronald Paden.

SQUAD MEMBERS: Keith Bieg, Everett Chaffin, Darrel Creek, Darwin Creek, George Malson, John MacRae, Ivan Million, Richard Moore. James O'Connor, Max Hill, John Maher, Sherburne Blake, Tommy Jones, Bob Schofield.

BACK ROW: Harold Ostler, Sherburne Blake, Carl Wilson, Ronald Paden, Jack Hahn, George Malson, Jake Wilroth, Victor Nottingham.

MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Ray, Coach; Charles Ross, Darwin Creek, Marion Bergin, Harlen Daugherity, Fred Schultz, Norman Carter.

FRONT ROW: Darrell Creek, Neil Chambers, Bill Bieg, Richard Browning, Richard Roediger, Everett Chaffin, Keith Bieg, Vernon Stephens.

M CLUB

The M Club is an organization of boys who have earned letters in football basketball, and track. All athletes who have participated in sixty minutes of actual game in football, 8 quarters in basketball, and those who qualify in the district meet in track are eligible for letters.

Officers elected for the year were: President Marion Bergin; Vice-president Vernon Stephens, Treasurer Jake Wiloth, and Sponsor Coach Ray.

Activities during the year were the annual dance given at the community hall and the banquet at the school cafeteria.

After many hardships during the secret initiation, Ronald Paden, Glenn Babcock, Sherburne Blake, Clifford Handryx, Bill Bieg, Keith Bieg, Vic Nottingham, and Carl Wilson became members of the club.

BACK ROW: Nickerson, Brager, Jepson, Nall, Setterburg, Puder, Peoples, Hooley, Hill, Campbell.

MIDDLE ROW: Miss Dille, Sponsor; Ackerman, Harvey, Davis, Chambers, Stephens, Esp, Killham, Griffin, Connors, Carr, Carney, Mrs. McWhinnie, Sponsor.

FRONT ROW: Dietz, Kennison, Ealy, McCain, Malson, Wick, Robinett, Graves, Stephens, Schuster.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jerman, Jones, Jandreau.

TNT

The TNT started off their year by the election of club officers and sponsors. Their choice for president was Betty Jerman; vice-president, Lois Ealy; secretary, Cordia Jandreau; traesurer, Meda Malson; and sponsors, Miss Dille and Mrs. McWhinnie.

The activities of the year were a snake dance, a dance to raise money for the annual football banquet, skits before games, the sale of Oiler emblems, the football banquet and a football dance. In addition they gave a "Women Pay All" dance.

The three snappy cheer leaders who were chosen from this group were Betty Jerman, Charlene Schuster, and Gloria Griffin. They were expected to open all basketball games by leading a Pledge of Allegiance in which the audience took part in addition to urging the boys on with rousing cheers at all athletic events.

STANDING: Darwin Creek, Reta Wick, Lois Ealy, Mrs. John Connors, Supervisor, Pat Lockwood, Lois Robinett, Darrell Creek.

SITTING: Wyoma Dietz, Shirley Chambers, Mary Carney, Donna Carr, Imogene Davis.

ABSENT: Kay Graves.

CHORUS

Under the leadership of Mrs. John Connors, the high school chorus, consisting of twelve active members, worked hard in preparation for various public performances during 1944 and 1945. In addition to their singing in study hall and P.T.A., the group put on a concert which showed the talent and effort of the students. Their final appearances were at graduation and baccalaureate services where they furnished the music.

A social Christmas party was held December 22, at which time gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served in the music room.

Lois Ealy ..... President

Shirley Chambers ..... Vice-President

Pat Lockwood ..... Secretary-Treasurer

BAND

The band was not up to the standard of former years for many of the members were inexperienced. Through the classes of grade school students who were taking instrumental instruction under Mrs. John Connors, the band increased its membership.

No attempt was made to play at the football home games, but they performed successfully at several of the basketball games. The spring concert, which had long been practiced for, was presented in the Peake Gym in May.

Several of the band members, including Sherburne Blake, Allen Barkley, Selmer Moeller, and Virginia Connors, will attend the state music festival at Laramie this summer.

The social activities for the year included a picnic and a party in the canteen for the junior members.

STANDING: Norman Roberts, Dick Hale, Reta Wick, Allen Barkley, Selmer Moeller, Bill Nickerson, Mary Lou Goin, John Bliss, Le Roy Warford, Orin Young.

SITTING: Gene Lamb, Gaile Kearney, Edward Kinion, Doris Million, Nancy Chabo, Imogene Creek, Connie Kinion, Mary Ostler, Zola Lamb, Tommy Falk.

ABSENT: Sherburne Blake, Robert Nagel, Fay Chaffin, Charles Lewis, Margaret Immel.

STANDING: Charlene Schuster, Mardelle Harvey, Betty Hill, Joyce Hooley, Rita Ackerman, Pat Setterburg, Virginia Connors, Wanelda Killham, Gloria Griffin, Margie Stephens.

SITTING: Betty Stephens, John Maher, Ivan Million, Max Hill, Kay Graves.

ABSENT: Marion Bergin, Everett Chaffin, Betty Jerman, Vernon Stephens, Gene Wiloth.

LEGIO DECIMA

In 1944 Legio Decima was again organized after two years of inactivity. They joined the Junior Classic League with the hope of creating a greater interest in the study of the Classics among the members.

Legio Decima met the last Wednesday of each month in the Wilson Building. At this time old and new business and some phases of Roman life were discussed.

The annual Roman banquet was given March 10 in the school cafeteria Surrounded by purple and gold decorations and grabed in togas, sandals, and wreaths, the members and their guests ate with their fingers and were amused by slaves and boxers.

Gene Wiloth presided as Imperator; Betty Lorene Stephens was the Scriba; and Mrs. McWhinnie sponsored the group.

BACK ROW: Luciile Jarisch, Marianne Jepson, Pat Setterburg, Miss Richards, Sponsor, Dorothy Campbell, Helen Brager.

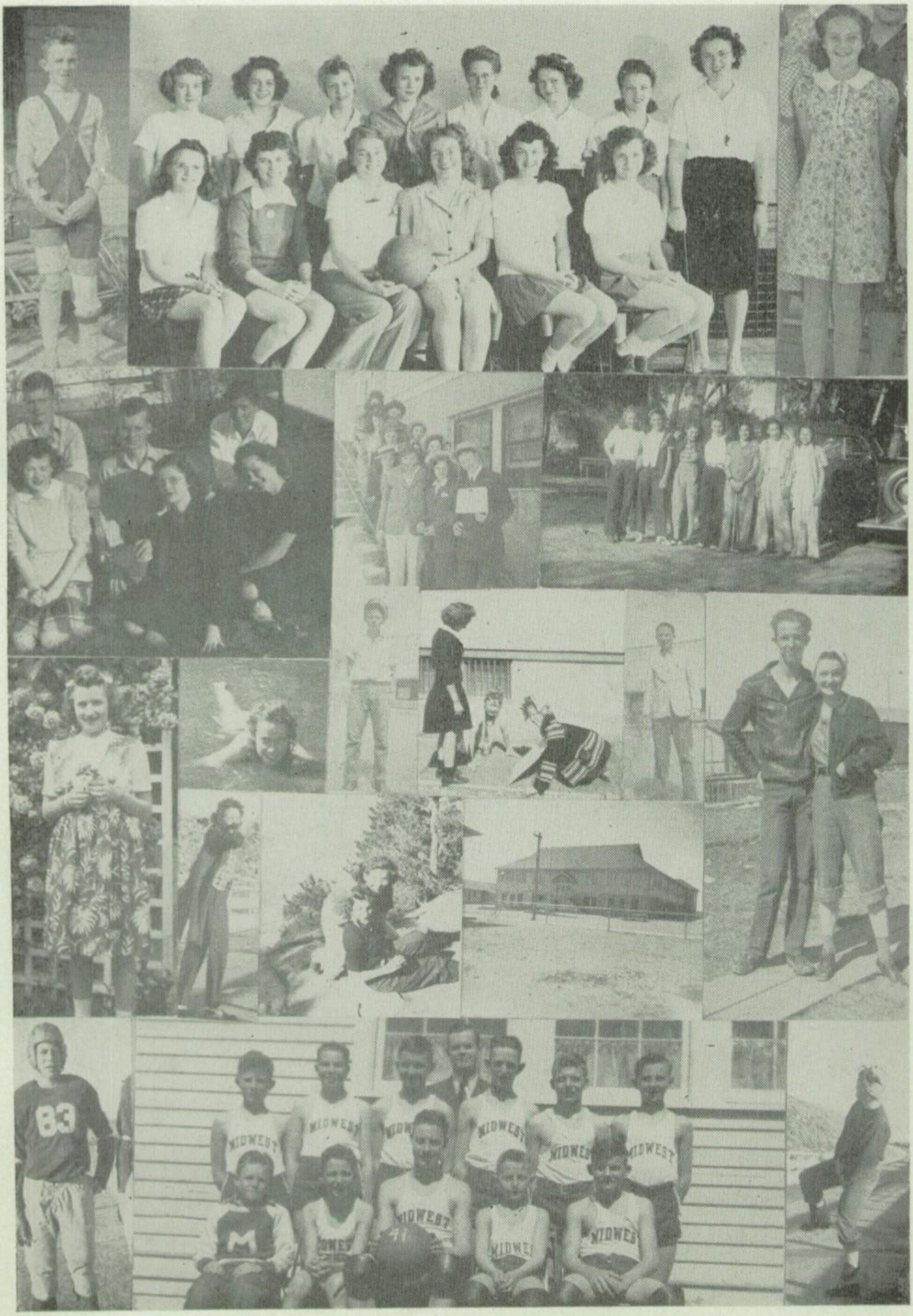
FRONT ROW: Meda Malson, Lois Ealy, Mary Puder, Connie Mae Dye, Ruth Rorabeck.

ABSENT: Marie Jones.

LIBRARIANS

The eleven librarians, under the supervision of Miss Richards, are responsible for the care of the library. On Monday mornings all the shelves must be dusted and each librarian has her particular section to dust. The magazine and newspaper racks must be straightened and old copies discarded. They learn to use the card indexes, arrange the books on the shelves according to their classifications, and to check books and magazines in and out. Twice a year the library is closed for two days while all books are checked in order to make sure that none have been lost. Part of the responsibility of preparing new books for the shelves is placed upon the librarians. Their duties include typing cards and pockets and stamping the books. Most of them agree that it is a special privilege to be a librarian.

The purpose of the library is to give reference material and help the students enjoy reading by covering different fields of literature and magazine selections. The library contains over two thousand books chosen to suit the different tastes and reading abilities of the students. The reference books section contains general reference books and those along more specific lines; such as, music, science, English and history.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Ronald Paden wills his bus route to Harold O'Connor. Be sure to take your vitamins, Harold, so you can see over the steering wheel.

Tommy Newell wills his broom and willing helper to Roy Jucknath. Take care of the broom, Roy, Tom will be back for his helper.

Marion Bergin wills his P-38 Standard Chevrolet to Cedar Chaffin. With this Chevrolet we'll expect you to find a nice quiet evening, the gravel pits, and a romantic moon, and a girl.

Glenn Babcock wills his "nose trouble" to Fred Schultz.

Uncle Sam thinks Jake Wiloth's ears will be excess weight on those long infantry marches so he's leaving them with Gloria Griffin to treasure until he comes home.

Shirley Chambers bequeathes her collection of letters from servicemen to Cordia Jandreau. Be sure to tie a pretty blue ribbon around these, Cordia, as they're close to Shirley's heart.

Betty Stephens leaves her baby stares for guys to trip on. All sophomores beware!

Mary Puder bequeathes her "motor" to that member of the faculty who has been wanting and needing it for his car.

Marion Esp has consented to leave her supply of string from that class ring to the school for all the red tape they have to go through.

Dorothy Campbell wills Ali Baba to the biology class. Maybe they can find out what makes him tick.

After much persuasion, Lois Ealy has finally consented to leave her "stag line" to the next lucky girl.

Betty Hill wills her place in the Zephyr to Phyllis Kennison. We hope you have as much fun as Betty did before school, Phyllis.

Betty Jerman wills the well-known, bright green "Hearse" to anyone who wants it. Good luck! You'll need it!

Marie Jones wills her position in library to Jeanie Stephens. She's wanted to be in that study hall for a long time.

Ruth Rorabeck wills her ability to chatter to Lois Robinett. Who knows, maybe she'll let you have Bill, too.

Lucille Jarisch is leaving her quietness and studiousness to Vic Nottingham.

Vernon Stephens is leaving his map of the shortest route to Dutch Camp to Norman Carter. Be careful, it is quite worn.

Wyoma Dietz wills her shortness to Eleanor Nickerson.

Shirley Peoples is leaving her musical talent to Reta Wick.

Wanelda Killham wills her "hot lips" to Ginger Connors.

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